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Do not let us always consider what-ever is romantic as incompatible with real life, but let us sometimes take a poet at his word.—Washington irving.

### Almshouse or Hospital,

The Times-Dispatch has profound respect and tender regard for Dr. Ennion Williams and likes his company. To be at cross purposes with him on any question of public concern is like being separated from a pleasant yoke-fellow with whom one is in the habit of pulling. We are genuinely sorry to be opposed to him, or to have him opposed to The Times-Dispatch, on the colored almshouse matter.

In a communication published in today's paper Dr. Williams says that he does not understand why The Times-Dispatch has referred to the present colored almshouse as "uninhabitable." Because the Mayor and other city officials agree that it is unfit for hunran beings

"The colored almshouse," said, Mr. "The colored almshouse, said, NIT, Gunst, of the Committee on Relief of the Poor, in a recent speech, "is a nauscating, sickening, shumeful disgrace, not only as regards its miserable architectural make-up and its fifthy surround. tectural make-up and its filthy surroundings, but also as regards its absolutely repulsive, disease-breeding and vermin-making interior arrangement. One riding along Fifth Street sees a dilaphate brick structure in desolute and crying neglect, surrounded by a few low wooden shantles covered with thi roofs in a fearful, infi-whitewashed, rotten condition. The darged of these shantles is the hospital for makes. From its windows is seen beneath its indiscrable gully and swamp, tilled during many months with green sline and vile-smelling stench."

We think that Superintendent Davi and Messrs, Clay Drewry, E. B. Thomason, John B. Minor, J. A. Hobson, John Billey and others who have given this subject attention will concur in Mr. Gunst's characterization.

The negro question has nothing to do with it. Richmond cannot in self-respect be the patron of such a disgraceful institution. It is also a perfect firetrap, because of the inflammable wooden shantles which adjoin the brick build-

negroes, and the present site is impracticable. Moreover, that site can be sold for from \$30,000 to \$35,000, and the proceeds of sale would be as a credit on the post of the wew bulkling.

We do not think that it would be either wise or economical to build the new house on the city farm. The idea of housing a hundred or a hundred and fifty persons, decrept or diseased, in a no protection from fire is horrible to contemplate, and the cost of maintenance in the Mayor's opinion, would be several thousand dollars more than the cost of an almshouse on the premises of the white home.

Dr. Williams says that the new building proposed by the committee would cost \$70,000. The Times-Disputch is informed that one contractor has offered to build it for \$58,868. With the architect's fee this would make a total of something less than \$62,000, from which is to be deducted the proceeds from the sale of land. With the basement left unfinished, the cost would be further reduced by about \$4,000.

We shall not undertake to answer in detail the objections which Dr. Williams raises to the proposed building, but for the information of our readers we reproduce elsewhere the categorical answers of Mr. Gunst. If the building i faulty, the plan should be revised, but money out with lavish hand to penthere must be a new almshouse, and every consideration of economy and convenience suggests that it be erected prevent them from being reformed. on the premises of the white home.

As for the emergency hospital proposed by Dr. Williams, that is a question apart, and should not, we think, he complicated with the almshouse question. There must be a hospital, infirmary, or sick ward-call it what you may-at the almshouse. It ers; and such an infirmary there must be, no matter, how many emergency hospitals the city may have elsewhere,

We do not deny that Richmond needs. and should have, an emergency hospital, But is it necessary to have a new building? What this city really needs is fewer hospitals instead of more. Better one commodious, well-equipped, well-sus- Never mind the merit, so that tained hospital than a string of hospitals log-roller gets his work done. A on half-rations. With one such hospital the city could well afford to maintain one or more wards therein for emergency

### Thomas B. Aldrich.

The death of Thomas Balley Aldrich at his home in Boston on Wednesday, removes from the ranks of American literary workers one who has been characterized by Clarence Stedman, as "the most pointed and exquisite of our literary craftsmen."

It is not often that a literary man leaves behind him the example of such an entirely successful and well-balanced life as Mr. Aldrich does. As a young man of business in the counting-room of his uncle, a New York merchant; as editor, novelist and poet, his work reflects in every department the conscientious care and thoroughness, which are, perhaps, his most distinguishing characteristics,

Born in Portsmouth, N. H. November 11, 1836, Mr. Aldrich spent his early life in New Orieans, where his father removed. When he was seventeen his father died, and abandoning the idea of a collegiate education, he spent three years in acquiring a business education. He was married in 1865, and is survived by

Bits of his prose are exquisite. a profession. He contributed to vari- etc." It is thus seen that the essent 1870 to 1874 was editor of the Every Saturday, In March of 1881 he became the Atlantic Monthly, and held the position until 1890, since which time he has held himself aloof from the exactions of editorship.

Thanks to his early training, Mr. Aldrich was uniformly fortunate in his business investments. A fortune afterward bequeathed him by a friend, Henry L. Pierce, rendered him a man of affluence and leisure, with a home in a fashionable section of Boston and a pleasant country place at Ponkapog. Among his friends and those who knew him Mr. Aldrich was esteemed as a delightful companion and a fascinating talker with a keen sense of humor.

In addition to "Bable Bell," he pub lished between the years 1856 and 1881 following poems: "The Course of True Love Never Did Run Smooth," "Pampinea and Other Poems," "Cloth of Gold and Other Poems," an edition de luxe of his "Lyries and Sonnets" and "Friar Jeromo's Beautiful Book," sidered by many to be the finest long poem he ever wrote.

His prose works are "Daisy's Neckwhich appeared in 1856, to be followed by his "Story of a Bad Boy," considered to be in some degree auto biographical: "Mariory Day and Other People" and "Prudence Palfrey," a novel; "The Queen of Sheba," a romance of travel; "The Stillwater Tragedy." "Mercedes" and others. Of these, "Mar jory Daw" and "Prudence Palfrey" are reckoned as the finest.

At the University Day celebration of the University of Pennsylvania, on the tor of laws was conferred upon Mr. Aldrich, though he was too lil to be present. As a man who upheld the hest literary standards and did the best work, his influence and his example will always be perpetuated in the memories of his follow-craftsmen, and in the minds of hose who have known him through reading his verse and prose.

## The Principles of Taxation.

Continuing the discussion of the orinciples of taxation, we romark that the prime and only object of just taxathe protective tariff tax, whose prime is revolutionary. Such a tax is graded according to the necessities, or interests, of the manufacturer and not according to the needs of government conomically administered. It may be made so high as to prohibit imports in which case it would yield no revenue whatsoever.

tax on State bank issues. This tax was imposed, as its author, Mr. Sherman boasted, not to raise revenue, but notes. The tax has never yielded a cent of revenue and never will, for If was purposely made so high that State banks cannot afford to pay it and so hever issue notes. The tax is nothing more nor less than a police regulation and cannot be justified by any principle of taxation. The Demoeratic convention of 1893 recommended that the "prohibitory tax of ten per ed": but the Democratic Congress which followed lacked the courage to carry the recommendation into of-

So much for the government's systom of 'raising revenue.' Its system of alsbursement is in some respecie equally faulty. Instead of ascertaining what are its needs and levying taxes to suit, it levies taxes to protect American industries, but incidentally raises thereby far more reve-

money out with layish and other extravagances in sions of Willie Hearst.

The all-night banks have not proved much of a success, the principal trought in gur the budget the members play with great success—to their purposes—a fine old game called log-rolling are up all night always want to take out instead of putting in.

It is an expression that comes from It is an expression that comes from It is an expression that comes from It appears he has had many for so long-for it appears the work of each is done by the friendco-operation of all. Members of Congress help each other in the same Congressman A wants an appropriation for a harbor or a building; Congressmen B and C and D and others have similar wants. Each votes for the other's claims, and all the claims get into the budget. It is a sly game, log-roller gets his work done. A Virginia Congressman once got an approprintion to improve the navigation of a mountain stream in his "deestrict."

When asked if the expenditure would

help the stream, he replied that it would help his constituency, which was more to his purpose. City Councilmen often play the same game, That's the business side of politics, and the business side of politics takes no note of the

## An Effective Board.

A reputation for hard work is being fast established by the board of visitors of the University of Richmond. These gentlemen have already stirred profoundly the citizens of Richmond in the cause of higher learning; they are effecting a compact organization of able men, full of public spirit; they have wrought out a charter admirable for its simplicity, bravity and statesmaniike grasp of the local situation in education. To a signal degree by their energy and resolution they have captured the confidence of Richmond.

The charter clearly defines the pur pose of the university. It is "to advance the eause of education by seeking to bring into helpful co-operation institutions of learning now located, or which may hereafter be located, in it is on his poetry that his fame chiefly or near the city of Richmond; to prorests. His "Ballad of Hable Bell," pub- vide sites for such institutions, and lished in 1856, won him such instant to establish for their common benefit faver and recognition that he decided libraries, museums, gymnasiums, athfrom henceforth to adopt literature as lette fields, lighting and heating plants, ous periodicals and magazines, and from of the plan is to reinforce the existing colleges, to bring to their support the organized resources of Richmond. to magnify their work, and to enlarge their material equipment.

The pivotal provision of the charte, f the university plainly declares: "But the said corporation shall not compete with any constituent instituavailing itself of the common tilities offered by said corporation. nor shall it consolidate with nor impair the separate and independent exstence of any such institution." Wo believe that all will agree that it is impossible for words to express more explicitly the purpose of the university to exait the individual college, to cherish its denominational ownership and control, and to preserve its separate integrity with the utmost sacredness. We bespeak for this charter provision the closest consideration upon the part of all friends of the denominational colleges which may be invited to come into this co-operative plan. for we believe that their interests have been guarded in so careful a way a to insure the utmost heartiness in ombracing the use of the common educational facilities and the organized good-will of the citizens of Richmond. Another Important step was taken at the meeting of the board on Tuesday in appointing a strong committee to select a site of some two hundred acres of land for the university. The porsonnel of this committee insures are Mr. Fred W. Scott, chairman; Dr. Ennion Williams, Mr. Milton E. Mar-cuse, Mr. Egbort G. Leigh, Jr., and Mr. J. Scott Parrish." "It" is nocaless to say that the whole city will await with the keenest interest the report energotically devoted to the highest good of our community. It may be expected that their choice will carry

We congratulate the board upon the election of Hon, A. C. Braxton as vicerector. .. It is not a little reassuring when men of such ability and influence exert themselves to the utmost in furtherance of an institution of learn ing which is destined to be a dynamo of moral and intellectual forces for the whole South.

the weight both of the board and of

## The State's Delinquency.

## Rhymes for To-Day People Seen

Gardenias. OW that April's coming and way
milder breezes blow,
I shall chuck the weary round
of bardin':
Buying me a shovel and a cunning

little hoc. I shall make myself a little garden.

There shall be no flowers in the garden-close I make—
I shall grow for dinner-tables solely:
Flowers are not worth the needed
spaces that they take—
Protty things, no doubt, but useless

will grow potatoes and sweet Lima beans, b'Gosh, Succotash and marrowfats, my gen-

will raise the cymbling and the corelated squash,
Injun corn and water-cress and len-tils.

There'll be other dainties, pink and Freen and very red,
FI: to decorate a royal table:
will tend them nicely, getting early
out of bed.

Digging as astutely as I'm able. So I'll spend my spring-time just a-working with my hoe, Raising vegetables in my garden: Horticulture may not be exciting, but

It'll prove at least as nice as bardin'.
II. S. H.

## MERELY JOKING.

Choir Chin-Chin.

"Givo us a tune," urged the music-rack in the choir-loft, "even the bells play when hey're tolled,"

How, Indeed!

He (virtuously): "I call it simply outrag us for the newspapers to print all this ter ible stuff." She (sternly) "How do you know it is terrible?"—Baltimore American.

"Do I understand you to say," inquired Miss Bosting of the Chicago girl, "that you believe in early marriages?" "Of course," replied the Chicago girl, "the oarlier the oftener,"—Philadelphia Press.

Preleigh (at 1:45): "Ah, Miss Critic, you have such a sweet, retiring disposition."

Miss Critic (yawning): "You flatter me, Mr. Borolegi; but I must confess to a slight disposition; to retire."—Puck.

A Poser.

Our Sodial Reformer: "What we want, my friends, are less overcrowded slums, larger villages, more pleasure for the workers and less drink."
Villager: "Well, sir, but 'ow are we to 'ave hore pleasure if we 'as less beer?"—

"Now, Mr. Jinks, would you recognize the existence of a ligher, or unwritten law?"
"No Air. Td try a millonaire just the same as I would a common laborer."
"Talesman oxcused."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HAVING touched a out overything else H it is not very surprising that Mr. Har riman should express his desire to ge in touch with the government.—Philadelphia Press. . . .

Mr. Gates says it's a mistake about Rocke-feller. He owns only one-lifth of Standard Oli, and he has an income of only \$20,000, 006 a year. We apologize.—Portland. Ore

At 12 Market and As a favorite son of Ohio, Judge Taft is taking on weight. Since trying the T. R. brand of presidential oats he will presumably have need to use no other.—New York World.

Senator Tillman, rampaging through the locture field, shows clearly the disadvantage of gotting away from the sound of a corrective and civilizing gavel.—Philadelphia Lodger.

A fashion maper says that spring styles will largely follow Juphanese lines. Probably no farther Wost than Denver, however.—Washington Heraid.

Mr. E. H. Harriman is a great man—avery great man. For three days he succeeded in getting as much space in the newspapers as Evelyn Thaw.—New York World.

## COMMENT OF VINGINIA EDITORS.

A Capitol Plan.

The State's Delinquency.

The Times-Dispatch bileves in personal responsibility, but the State of Virginia is partly to blame for Treasurer Hechlor's downfall.

The State is under moral obligations to exercise a certain supervision over her officials and see that they are because and faithful in the discount of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the lower her officials and see that they have been a country of the proposed plan for public buildings in Riemmond, in which these buildings are so located as to leave a public square connecting Main and Bank Eyotts and revenling an impressive view of the seatiful Capitol from Main Street. The arrow of the lower her officials and sevenling and impressive view of the seatiful Capitol from Main Street. The arrow of the lower her officials are the proposed plan for public day public day proposed plan for public day proposed plan for public day public day proposed plan for public day public day proposed plan for public day publi

# in Public Places

Much political talk was going on around the hotel lobbies yesterday and last night.

Senator George H. Keezell, of Rockingham, who is familiarly known as the "Tall Sycamore of Cub Run," was at Murphy's, and he brought some news along with him from his beautiful and prosperous Shenandonh Valley. He said that Dr. H. M. Hogers and Mr. P. E. F. Good, the incumbents in the House from his county, would almost certainly be returned this fall, and that he would probably stand for the Senate again.

Mr. Keezell has already served four terms in the upper branch of the General Assembly. The Democrats of Rockingham, he says, are in good shape, and will elect their ticket this fall.

Senator B. W. Lynn, of Loudoum, and Delegate Moses M. Green, of Fauquier, are here, and there is political talk of all kinas up their way.

Fauguier Democrats will hold a meeting Modday, and will then determine whether they will ask the senatorship this fall. If they do, they may run Maler Green for the honor. The district is composed of the counties of Fauquier and Loudoum.

The announcement that Assistant Attorney-General Robert Callett, of Rockin-lege, may stand for the Senato in the Twenty-second District is county in the House of Delegatos, and interemenced to Rockbridge, where he has allied, many positions of honor and fined, many positions of honor and trust.

filled many positions trust.
The district is composed of Rock-bridge, Bedford and Buena Vista, Sen-ator J. Lawrence Campbell, of Bedford, is the incumbent,

Hon. John S. Barbour, of Culpeper, was in the city yesterday.

was in the city yesterday.

"The political situation in my section is very quiet," said former Senator R. A. James, of Danville, when seen last hight.
"It looks as if the present delegations from Pittaylvania, Danville and Henry will be returned to the Legislature this fall. They are good men, and their records seem to have given general satisfaction."

Senator James is here attending the meeting of the State Board of Fisheries, of which he is a member.

Dr. O. C. Brunk, superintendent of he Eastern State Hospital, is at the Richmond.

Dr. Brunk says things are pretty quiet in Williamsburg since the trial of young Balley, which ended in the acquittal of the telegraph operator Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. St. George R. Fitzhugh, a promi-nent lawyer of Fredericksburg, as at the Richmond.

Hon. J. M. Hooker, of Patrick, is stopping at Murphy's. Mr. Hooker thinks the Democrats of his section are getting into better shape and will be able to send some representatives to the next Legislature.

Among the Virginians registered at Murphy's are J. D. Temple, Norfolk; S. E. Spaulding, Chase City; C. E. St. Amand, Portsmouth; H. T. Nichols, Norfolk.

Virginians at the Richmond are J. N. Beerges, Buffolk; B. F. Story, Franklin; Charles H. Wilkins, Norfolk; J. C. Goode.

## The New Colored Almshouse.

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ENNION G. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Gunst's Reply.

In his recent speech before the Com-mittee on Relief of the Poor, Mr. Gunst, of the committee, made the following replies to the objections raised by Dr.

tion can be made a good almshouse and good hespital. The hospital will help the almshouse (\*partment, and the indigents may be no setback to the hospital. This can be done with a much less coat than would be required to creet and maintain the proposed

John R. Rew and John T. Wilkins III.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Crafts, of Norfolk, are registered at the Richmond, spending a portion of their honeymoon in this city.

Mrs. Crafts was Miss Annie E. Nichols, of Elizabeth City, N. C., and she and Mr. Crafts were married thore on Wednesday.

The groom was formerly of this city, but is now with a firm in Norfolk. The couple will make their home in the city by the sea.

Dr. O. C. Brunk, superintendent

that the force would be adopted it, pitced as originally outlined and claim should be reduced.

Seventh, Seventy thousand dollars would build in the centre of the city a very inferior hospital. The purchase price of the ground would be higher. day in all sincerity. What would an emerthe gency hospital cost? I say, \$150,000,
use and then the maintenance of same,
on with officers and attendants, fuel,
c, I lights, etc., would be not less than
or \$40,000 to \$60,000 per annum. Now
ion. is it a fair presumption to say that unless the hospitals wish to dumitheir refuse on the city, for two case per day, we should entail this cost?

The time will come, and come is

At the colored home the almshouse inmates are in a three-story brick structure; the hospital patients are in the wooden annex and wooden cottage. The quarters for the inmates in the almshouse are much better than those the average member of this race is accustomed to.

At the colored home the almshouse in the color of the granted; but not at the cost of depriving them of every comfort of living and health, saverage member of this race is accustomed to.

The state is safer mortal obligations of correction for different corrections over her officials and see that they
are herest and diffired in the different corrections of the control o

## AMUSEMENTS.

Y. M. C. A. Hall.-Victor's Royal Ve-

netian Band.

Academy of Music—Dark.

Bljou Theatre—"Queen of the Concts." Bostock's-Wild Animal Show. Idlewood-Bkating Rink.

Victor's Band To-Night.

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Victor's Venetian Band will give two concerts to-day, the first at 4 o'clock this afternoon—the matince under the auspices of the Boys' Bible Study Club, in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall—the second to-night at 8:20 o'clock—the closing number of the association course. This has been the most successful season in recent years, and it is readily prodicted that to-night's entertainment will surpass anything presented at the Young Men's Christian Association before this year, it is a great band, composed at twenty-two performers, accompanied by Miss May C. Ano, the noted soprans soloist. Reserved seats can be secured at the association building.

gir, mairman of the State Board of Fisheries, who is here attending a member of the House of Delegatos for Accomac, is here attending a meeting of the State Board of Fisheries, of which he is secretary Mr. Mathews, thinks the entire legislative delegation from the Castern Shore will be roturned this fail. This includes Senator Ben. T. Gunter and Delegates John R. Rew and John T. Wilkins III.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Crafts, of Norfolk, are registered at the Rie-honeymoon in this survivalue.

Mrs. Craft.

Mrs

a structure situated miles from the city, on the farm, containing and housing many decrept colored aged people, some who require constant nursing will provide that vermin-proof structure which he accuses the aircady adopted plan as not possessing?

Fifth, A kitchen can be very readily provided for if contingencies require it. Sixth, This I deny, and in my denial I am supported by the entire force of the institution. Not alone am I supported by them, but I can with pride produce records showing committees for the past ten years, composed or men of ability, who have stated, and if questioned to-day would still state, that the force would be adequate if piaced as originally outlined and claim should be reduced.

Seventh, Seventy thousand dollars would build in the centre of the city a seventh seventy thousand dollars would build in the centre of the city a seventh seve

Looking for Snakes. Looking for Snakes.

Director Frank C. Bostock is scouring the country for snakes. He wants snakes. and wants them badly, and if there is any one in Virginia who can get Mr. Bostock a load of snakes he will repay them well for their trouble and for their dangerous enterprise and risk as well.

The director is in a predicament, and unless he gats some snakes he does not know what to do. He has a whole band of Moqui Indian snake dancers on his hands, and no snakes for them. Lo, the poor Indian is pining in ideness, with no chance to dance or celebrata his religious rite, since there are no snakes to be had.

rite since there are no snakes to be hed.

These Indians were brought back to America by Mr. Bostock, after he had shown them before the crowned heads of Europe. Their dance is to them pretty much the same as the worship of the Christians, their form of making acknowledgment of the Supreme Being.

Just as soon as some of Mr. Bostock' amporting agents can get a sufficient number of the right kind of snakes for these Indians they will be sent here, and the Indian dancers will be sent here, and the tock Wild Animal Arena.

Mrs. Kate P. Minor, reference libra-rian in the State Library, has compiled rian in the State Library, has compiled for the public a list of the works in the State Library on Arbor Day, its origin, observance and importance, and much other interesting data with reference to the value and necesity of preservation of forestry in the United States. Mrs. Minor set about this somewhat arducus task following the Governora proclamation appointing April 1st as Arbor Day in Virginia.

The compilation of reference books has been made with especial regard to school children and those who are interested in the study of forest proservation.

# MANY MEMBERS FOR

Mr. John Holatz, who is organizing a lodge of the Order of Moose here, said last night that he had already secured a charter list of more than fifty representative citizens, and hoped to be ready to have the installation

Modern Youth.

Young Girl—is it not true, mamma, that I cannot read that book of which everyone is talking until after I have been diversed? "Meggandorfer Blatter."



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